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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 GRANT AND  
APPROVE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT  
GRANT AWARDS AS A RESULT OF THE GRANT  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

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**SUBJECT**

This letter requests approval for the Arts Commission to accept a \$250,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to provide grants to preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector. To disburse these funds, approval is requested to award seven (7) grants to nonprofit arts organizations for salary support for personnel to create or preserve jobs.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Arts Commission to accept a \$250,000 grant from the NEA to provide grants to preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector.
2. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment A) to reflect \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
3. Approve the recommendations of the Arts Commission ARRA grant awards to seven (7) nonprofit arts organizations at a cost of \$205,000.
4. Authorize the Arts Commission Executive Director to prepare, sign and execute these grant contracts after County Counsel approves as to form.
5. Delegate authority to the Arts Commission to reallocate forfeited grant awards, not to exceed \$50,000 in aggregate, to Board-approved Organizational Grant Program 2.5 organizations with budgets between \$500,000 and \$1,500,000 in FY 2007-08, 2008-09 or 2009-10 that are eligible to receive ARRA funds and to instruct the Arts Commission Executive Director to amend these contracts accordingly.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission is one of two local arts agencies in the state of California to be awarded ARRA funding from the NEA to provide grants to preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector.

The purpose of this recommended action is to accept federal funding under the ARRA to support the County's unique opportunity to stimulate the economy and create and preserve jobs. The grant from the NEA will enable the County to provide full or partial salary support for personnel positions that are critical to an organization's mission and that are in jeopardy, or have been eliminated, as a result of the current economic climate.

The purpose of this recommended action is to disburse seven (7) grant awards to nonprofit arts organizations (see Attachment B) at a cost of \$205,000. The balance of the NEA grant, in the amount \$45,000, is to support the cost of administering the ARRA NEA grant award.

Applicants requested support for permanent and/or contract positions between \$15,000 and \$45,000. For the purposes of ensuring quality and allowing for quick consideration of the applicants, the applicant pool was limited to organizations with budgets between \$500,000 and \$1,500,000 and that have received an Organizational Grant Program 2.5 award in FY 2007-08, 2008-09 or 2009-10.

The Arts Commission utilizes discipline peer panels to review and score all applications and to make recommendations to the Arts Commissioners. The Arts Commissioners reviewed and approved these scores and grant amounts at their September 14, 2009 meeting and are submitting funding recommendations to your Board for approval.

Upon notification of a forfeited ARRA grant award, the Arts Commission will reallocate the forfeited funds to Board-approved Organizational Grant Program 2.5 organizations with budgets between \$500,000 and \$1,500,000 in FY 2007-08, 2008-09 or 2009-10 that are eligible to receive ARRA funds. The reallocation will be approved by the Arts Commissioners. Following such action, the Executive Director will notify your Board of the Commission-approved allocation of forfeited funds on a semi-annual basis.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal 3 for Community and Municipal Services, as the proposed organizations activities will "enrich the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning programs."

The recommended action also supports your Board's actions to maximize additional federal funding under the ARRA to support employment opportunities for County residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

With your Board's approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustment, an increase of \$250,000 in services and supplies will be available in the Arts Commission's budget to create or preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector and insure that a wide variety of cultural services will continue to reach County residents.

There is no net County cost match requirement. The NEA has allocated \$45,000 of the \$250,000 grant award to be retained by the Arts Commission to cover the costs of administering the grant.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The County is authorized to contract with any firm or corporation for artistic services for the residents of Los Angeles County. The contracts will be governed by the policy and guideline requirements of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. In addition, the federal government requires that the Arts Commission submit quarterly reports on the use of grant funds.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The County will pay to the Contractors, in consideration of services to be performed and fulfillment of reporting requirements, a specific grant award sum (see Attachment B).

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This recommended action will create or preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector and insure that a wide variety of cultural services will continue to reach County residents.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Zucker  
Executive Director

Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S.  
NO.

061

DEPARTMENT OF **Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors**

SEPTEMBER 15 2009

## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

## ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2009-10

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

Arts Commission  
Revenue - ARRA Federal Stimulus Revenue  
A01-BS-90-9009-28400  
\$250,000

USES

Arts Commission  
Services and Supplies  
A01-BS-2000-28400  
\$250,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects a \$250,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to create or preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Executive Director, Arts Commission

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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SEP 29 2009

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR —

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

Sep 16 2009

*Shauli*  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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*Karen Shikuma*  
Sept 16 2009

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
 National Endowment for the Arts Sub-granting Program**

Organization	Score	Grant Award	Project Description	Program District <sup>+</sup>	Service Districts <sup>∅</sup>
H.E.Art Project	37.6	\$39,520	Two Workshop Coordinators (two positions)	1	1,2,3
Jazz Bakery Performance Space	36.8	\$25,200	Administrative Assistant and Web Marketing Consultant (two positions)	2	1,2,3,4,5
Southwest Chamber Music Society	34.8	\$38,460	Production Manager	5	1,2,3,4,5
Ryman/Carroll Foundation	33.8	\$25,840	Administrative Coordinator	2	1,2,3,4,5
Angels Gate Cultural Center	33.2	\$35,080	Education Director	4	1,2,3,4,5
Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association	32.4	\$20,900	Director of Education	1	1,2,3,4,5
Hollywood Entertainment Museum	32.4	\$20,000	Program Manager	3	1,2,3,4,5

+District where majority of activities take place

∅All districts in which programming takes place